INSURANCE BILLS PASSED

THE RESTRICTING CLAUSE OF

ARMSTRONG CODE CUT OUT.

Assemblyman Wilsnack Criticises Gov Hughes for Abandoning His Own Prop-

esition-The Assembly Unanimously

ALBANY, May 23.-- Assemblyman Theo-

dore P. Wilsnack (Rep., Queens) criti-cised Gov. Hughes and the State Insur-

ance Department in the Assembly to-

night when the Insurance Department

bills, which abandon Gov. Hughes's own

proposition in the Armstrong insurance

code limiting the new insurance annually

of the three big life companies to \$150,

doing all the business it could, but he

wondered why Gov. Hughes was quitting

one of the choicest gems of the Arm-

strong code" by cutting out the restrict-

ing clause and permitting the three giant

companies to go shead and write more

Mr. Wilsnack said he would not stand

000,000, came up for final passage.

but his pardon made him happy. walked with a quick, springy step to the witness chair while those in the court room, and particularly his former lawyers and their clients, the men with whom he had worked for a score of years, sat as

if stunned.
Sitting there and looking straight into the face of the elderly Heike. Spitzer at once began to tell of his work for the sugar trust. Mr. Stanchfield for the defence broke in with an objection on general grounds. Mr. Stimson insisted that the objection be made more specific and then Mr. Stanchfield, evidently remembering the Federal law regarding the testimony of convicts, declared that the witness was

Very well," said Mr. Stimson, turning Spitzer. "What have you to say about competency as a witness here, Mr

Spitzer's hands trembled a bit as he opened his coat and pulled out a folded white paper. Holding it up for all to see, he said: "I have here a pardon from the President of the United States."

There followed one of those queer stillnesses of a court room that follow generally something dramatic. It was broken when Mr. Stanebfield asked to see the pardon. Spitzer handed it to him.

the pardon. Spitzer handed it to him and he quickly gave it back. There wasn't any doubt about the signature of William H. Taft and there were no more

objections to Spitzer's competency.
Spitzer's testimony went fover much
that has been told before, but it filled in rices in the story of the frauds which Government wanted filled and plainly led the trail upward as had not been done before. He said that he had gone to work for the company twenty-nine years ago and after five years as a checker had been made the superintendent on the dock and was next in authority to Gerbracht, the general manager. So far as Spitzer knew the first frauds perpetrated on the Government began in 1894, when sugar was taken off the free list Spitzer admitted being the inventor of some of the devices used. First, he said, Jury and swore that Spitzer had not attempted to bribe him, but Brzestinski repudiated the testimony previously given by him before the Grand Jury and swore that Spitzer had not approached him with bribe money. Spitzer had poor approached the with bribe money. Spitzer had not approached him with bribe money. Spitzer had not approached him with bribe money. as Spitzer knew the first frauds perpetrated on the Government began in 1894, had attempted to bribe him, but Brzebach attempted to beauch attempted to bribe h

by inserting a wad of newspaper in the scales, and then Spitzer devised the The pardon was signed by President The pardon was signed by President Assemblyman, Senator or Congressenan It developed on a test vote in the congression of the cong ment ineartined. He said that he had by Attorney-General Wickersham after bored the holes in the seventeen scales and had tried heavy wire at first to influence the scale heam. This heavy wire made too much difference from the city weighers' scales, and lest it might be noticed lighter wire was used. This was continued until the discovery was reade.

Attorney-General Wickersham after ference that twenty enators favored the compromise bill, while ten opposed the compromise bill, while ten opposed it, provided it is amended to ference that twenty enators favored the compromise bill, while ten opposed it, provided it is amended to ference that twenty enators favored the compromise bill, while ten opposed it, provided it is amended to ference that twenty enators favored the compromise bill, while ten opposed it, provided it is amended to ference that twenty enators favored the compromise bill, while ten opposed it, provided it is amended to ference that twenty enators favored the compromise bill, while ten opposed it, provided it is amended to ference that twenty enators favored the compromise bill, while ten opposed it, provided it is amended to ference that twenty enators favored the compromise bill, while ten opposed it, provided it is amended to ference that twenty enators favored the compromise bill, while ten opposed it, provided it is amended to ference that twenty enators favored the compromise bill, while ten opposed it, provided it is provided it is provided it.

the system of signal lights that it was on somebody's orders. Just who somebody was he couldn't remember. He had an office near the gate to the street and had an electric switch there. This turned on a spectral switch there is the street and had an electric switch there. This turned on a spectral switch the street and had an electric switch there. This turned on a spectral switch the street and had an electric switch there. red light on the docks near the weighers by which the signal was given that some-body was approaching and to discontinue the use of the steel spring. Spitzer said that he frequently reported to Gerbracht the weights that were being obtained by the use of the device, whereupon Gerbracht frequently complained that the bracht frequently complained that the sugar was too heavy and exclaimed. "We're being robbed. We're being

The men who manipulated the device Spitzer said, he selected himself and ther recommended that they get more wages.
These recommendations he iaid on Gerbracht's desk. The men got weekly
envelopes, on the outside of which was marked the regular wages, but inside there was more money than the regular wages. Spitzer said that he had ar-ranged for this with Bendernagel, the

whom it came. Spitzer admitted that he had received such a message. "It warned me to be careful with the wire springs, as the Government was

watching the docks," he said.
"Did this cause a letting up of the frauds on the Government them?"
"It did." answered the witness.

"Who sent that message?"
"I don't know. I inquired, but couldn't

After the Government discovered the

After the Government discovered the fraud, Spitzer went on to say, the Roly Poly gang, as Spitzer's wire workers were called, came to him and wanted to know if they would lose their jobs.
"I went to Gerbracht," said Spitzer, "and he told me that all the men would be taken care of. I asked him if I would be taken care of and he said yes."

After the men were discharged, he said, he paid them their wages every week at his home in Flatbush.

his home in Flatbush.
"Mr. Gerbracht," said Spitzer, "would visit me every week at my garage and would leave a package with me. The package contained enough money to pay his home in Flatbush y wages and the wages of the

When did this money cease?" "Last February when I was sentenced. Spitzer said that he knew of his own knowledge that the returns of the city weighers, which were the true returns were sent to the offices of the trust in Wal were sent to the offices of the trust in Wali street as a basis for the calculations by which the shippers of the sugar were paid. When Mr. Stimson got through with Spitzer Mr. Mackellar explained that neither he nor Mr. Lexow was in a posi-tion to cross-examine and that it would

take some time to engage another lawyer and post him on the case in order that he could conduct such an examination. If the Government had informed us it was going to call this witness, he, "we could have prepared our se," at which Mr. Stimson smiled.

Mr. Mackellar suggested that Mr. Stanchfield or Mr. Graham, Heike's law stanchfield or Mr. Graham, Heike's law-pars, might be willing to cross-examine spitzer for him, but they got up together and put in an emphatic no. They repre-unted Heike, they said, and didn't care to take on any new business. Spitzer's estimony had not implicated Heike enough for them to undertake it themelves. Judge Martin said that the defence mat be ready to cross-examine Spitzer to-morrow morning.

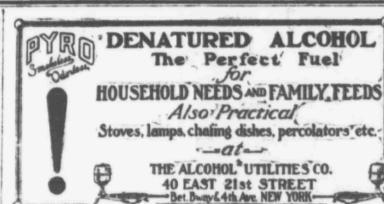
Spitzer left the stand as though he felt much relieved. Secret service men hovered around him until he had finished with the Grand Jury in the afternoon. Then he departed with his brother. He refused to talk about his case.

"I feel better and I'm going home now."

le said to the reporters. "It's been a long while between drinks for me."

Testimony connecting Gerbracht and Bendernagel with the pay envelopes was brought out in the afternoon. Allen Hawkhurst, a clerk in the cashier's office who helped make up the payroll, testified to the raises the members of Spitzer's who helped make up the payroll, testified to the raises the memoers of Spitzer's gang got. Some of the raises on the books were initialled by Gerbracht, upon whose orders, he said, they were made. Some were in Bendertiagel's handwriting. Members of the gang were raised from \$2.25 to \$3 a day and the real amount in the envelopes was marked under the flap, according to Andrew Malion, another clerk. Edward W. Hills and Frank Prack, also clerks, testified that they sent the also clerks, testified that they sent the figures of the city weighers to the Wall street offices at Bendernagel's orders. marisons with the returns of the Govern-ment weighers. The trial will go on this

On the complaint of Assistant United States Attorney Felix Frankfurter, James O. Brzezinski, a former special agent of the Treasury Department, was arrested yesterday afternoon by: Marshai Henkel



rogations to Brzezinski was whether or not on November 20, 1997, the day of Rich-ard Parr's raid on the docks of the Have-meyers & Elder refinery in Williamsburg Spitzer attempted to approach or bribe ittempted to bribe him. At the time o Spitzer's competency testimony went fover much the story of the frauds which nent wanted filled and plainly upward as had not been done said that he had gone to see the start of the sta

Attorney-General Wickersham was at the White House when the news of the Spitzer pardon reached Washington. When he came from the executive offices he expressed surprise that the news was

of Justice for your pardon information, was the extent of his comment.

ACCOUNTS OF MUNICIPALITIES. State Comptroller's Report on Examina-

tions Made in the Last Fiscal Year, ALBANY, May 23. The special report of the State Comptroller made annually regarding the work of his office under the municipal accounts law has been transmitted to the Legislature. Under accounts of cities of the second and third New York and incorporated villages in Se

the State. I didn't want the other checkers bothering me about a raise in wages."

A mysterious telephone message which came to Spitzer in the fall of 1908, one year before the discovery of the frauds, was brought in at this point by Mr. Stimson without anything tending to show from whom it came. Spitzer admitted that however, that many of rregularities result from precedent es-ablished by previous boards and fol-owed by succeeding boards without a full understanding by supervisors of their powers or a desire to inform thera-selves of the lawful way in which their

duties should be performed.
It is stated that "the principal purposes for which illegal expenditures of county moneys are incurred are compensation and expenses of supervisors, and of county officials and other assistants, to-gether with printing and publishing." Numerous illustrations are presented of estionable transactions, in particular borrowing of money on temporary

In cities the most expensive branch of retrinent is that of public works, with departments of public instruction of public safety next in the order-ned. The Comptroller says that in rly every instance in which a municipality owns and operates its water system that system is operated at a prefit. One fact reported is that certain of the cities have incurred indebtedness nearly equal to the statutory limitation of 10 r cent, of the assessed value of real

property.

The Comptroller declares that "public officials should be compensated for the work they perform and the responsibility imposed upon them, but similar services about the composition of the comp and similar responsibilities should be equally rewarded." He offers in conclusion the opinion that "the fee system of com-pensation should be abolished, that all public officers should be placed on a salary hasis and that uniform laws should be enacted for the government of munici-palities of the same class."

Quarant e Tug Ashore in the Pog. The Quart stine tug Charles F Allen in her return from Hoffman and Swin-urne islands last evening ran ashore on her return from Hoffman and Swin-burne islands last evening ran ashore in the dense fog near the South dock of Fort Wadsworth. As it was on the first of the ebb tide efforts to pull her off by the tug Staten Island were unsuccessful. She will undoubtedly float at high tide.

semblymen, Congressmen and County Officers Ten Senators Oppose It.

publican Senators conferred to-night on a compromise direct primary bill drafted Cobb and Meade. This bill practically embraces all of the provisions of the Hinman-Green bill except that it retains the party convention for State candidates, village candidates. It contains the prosentatives in Congress and county nomiwhere a Mayor is elected, shall be made 84 to 18.

of the weighing late in the '90s

"Did you report the frauds to Mr Levey asked Mr Stimson at this juncture, and Spitzer said that he had Leroy was in the Wall street office of the trust and had charge of the sugar importations. It is said. He is now dead.

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Wassington, May 23.—The Department at the primary the compromise bill provides that this year the Assembly. Senate and Congressional committees shall name that Spitzer has received unconditional place on the primary ballot, while After Vail came in the scales were boxed up, so that it became impossible to use bags. Spitzer then began a series of experiments to find out what other devices could be used. For a while, he said, some of the men working under him succeeded in getting false weights in New York against C. R. Heike, Ernest in committee or a nomination is made, whether for an interesting a way of newspaper, in the committees within the district for which of

On another test vote nineteen Senator voted against the Meade-Phillips bill. which has passed the Assembly, and

The Senate session was delayed an hour and a half to-night while the Republican Senators held a conference at which the this law examinations are made of the put up to the Assembly for its action accounts of cities of the second and third having behind it the force of the Repubaccounts of cities of the second and third lican majority in the Senate and Gov. Hughes's approval. Several Republican New York and incorporated villages in the State.

ranged for this with Bendernagel, the cashier, one of the present defendants.

"I told him." said Spitzer. "that it wouldn't be well to indicate the raise on the outside of the envelopes because I didn't want the other checkers bother lag me about a raise in wages."

The most important fact reported is that these municipalities expended durant the other checkers bother gate of nearly \$85,000,000. This is equal to nearly three times the total of general primary reform legislation which should be tassed this year or any other year. k. The Comp-a single munici-the finances bill would get as many votes in the As-boolutely proper The compromise bill embraces the Hin-

ran-Green provisions for a State wide enrolment, a uniform primary day throughout the State and the official primary ballot arranged on the Massa-chusetts plan in office groups, making impossible to vote for all party candi dates with one stroke of the pencil. It also provides that in a Presidential year there shall be a Statewide primary to select for each party four delegates at large to thority to place buoys or beacons by the respective State committees

NEW SNELL DEATH MYSTERY Son of Strangely Murdered Man Found Bead in Cheap Lodging.

The police made a close examination of the little room where the man, once heir to an enormous fortune, met death in obscurity. They were unable, however.

members of the Snell family. eked out a miserable existence by runnin errands and doing odd jobs about th

COMPROMISE PRIMARY BILL

REPUBLICAN SENATORS DIS- in the way of any insurance company

It developed on a test vote in the con ference that twenty enators favored were intended to perforW such an important function as practically naming

compromise bill was submitted and discussed. The conference was then adjourned until to-morrow night, when anjourned until to-morrow night, when an effort may be made to turn it into a caucus. It is believed, however, that this will be unsuccessful unless it is agreed at the same time that the Meade-Phillips bill shall pass the Senate and be sent to Gov. Hughes for his action and that the compromise bill shall also be passed by the Senate with Republican votes and the Senate with Republican votes and

passed this year or any other year.

Senator Grady announced that the Democratic Senators would confer to-morrow regarding this new phase of

CHIOAGO, May 23. Albert J. Snell, sor of Amos J. Snell, millionaire, who was murdered in his home on Washington Boulevard in 1888, was found dead in bed to-day in a cheap rooming house at 9 Clark street.

Snell was 50 years old. He had lived Snell was 50 years old. He had lived some street series a mendments concurred in As a result of a conference between District Attorney Whitman of New York and Magistrates House and Corrigan, Assemblyman A. J. Levy to-night introduced a bill amending the Penal Code to permit a magistrate to hold an arrested person for a reasonable length of time,

at the rooming house, which is operated by Mrs. Margaret Adams, a little more than a year. He was a brother of Mrs. Grace Snell-Coffin-Coffin-Walker-Coffin-Layman-Love, known as the most mar-

to discover any clue that indicated whether he committed suicide, was murdered or died of natural causes.

After spending the fortune left him by his father in high living and prodigal entertainment of his friends Snell became an outcast and was ignored by other nembers of the Snell family. Finally when utterly without means of support he became a laborer on the riverfront. After his health failed five years ago he

CUSS IT IN CONFERENCE.

It Retains Party Conventions for All Candidates Except State Senators, As-

than \$150,000,000 new business. ALBANY, May 23. The thirty-four Re-*There was much display made by that celebrated Armstrong committee," said Mr. Wilsnack, "and when its work was over by Gov. Hughes's friends and a com- it left a trail of dead and injured behind it. After killing off a number of promimittee of Senators headed by Senators nent and valuable men and ruining the characters of a number of decent men they pointed out to us that they had placed the lid on the business that insurance comjudicial candidates and city, town and panies could do, especially the three largest companies, and we were expected to visions of the Hinman-Green bill for the be grateful. "One trouble that we have been exnomination directly at the primaries of candidates for Senate, Assembly, Repre. periencing in this Legislature is the result

of departments like the State Insurance nations. It is provided, however, that Department attempting to run the governcounty nominations in New York city, The bill was finally passed by a vote of

84 to 16.

The Assembly to-night, with a unanimous chorus of ayes, so loud that it upset the procedure of the House for five minutes, approved the final adjournment resolution amended and adopted by the Senate, calling for the windup on Friday next at 12 o'dept process.

ext at 12 o'clock noon.
The first business before the Assembly o-night was to receive a message from iov. Hughes vetoing a bill of Assemblyman Clark which proposed to authorize the Maple Grove Cemetery Association of Worcester, Otsego county, to accept a gift as a bequest for the caring of a certain commetery lot. Gov. Hughes wrote that the Clark bill was an attempt at special legislation and was anticept processes.

legislation and was entirely nnecessary. Setator Agnew to-night introduced bill amending the rapid transit act drawn by the First District Public Service Comit, provided it is amended to let members mission and favored by Mayor Gaynor, of county committees nominate this The bill allows the commission, with the year instead of the Assembly, Senate approval of the Board of Estimate and

approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to reserve trackage rights in a municipally constructed subway, with power to lease such trackage rights to more than one company. The Senate by a vote of 31 to 9 passed the Steinway tunnel bill introduced by Senator Harte of Queens. The bill permits the directors of the defunct New York and Long Island Railroad Comapny, which built the tunnel, to transfer all of its rights in and to the tunnel to a new company, which must obtain a new francompany, which must obtain a new fran-chise under the rapid transit act from the Public Sesvice Commission subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportunment. After such new company is formed and has obtained a franchise the transfer to it by the di-rectors of the old company of their rights must have the approval of the Public Service Commission and the Mayor of the

Assemblyman B. R. Lansing (Republican) of Rensselaer headed a dozen up-State Assemblymen who opposed the Callan automobile bill when it got back into the Assembly to-night after being amended and passed by the Senate. Mr. Lansing insisted that the speed limit of fifteen miles an hour for cities was too

House that the automobilists interested have been \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000, but in the bill thoroughly understood its they were fixed at \$2,650,000 and \$3,500,000, provisions and were willing to accept it For 1909 in Manhattan the Court found

and that Gov. Hughes had sent an emergency message to the Senate and Assembly for the measure.

The bill was finally passed by a vote of 95 to 12 and now goes to the Governor for WYMAN WILL AT PRINCETON.

his approval. It will bring \$1,500,000 annual revenue into the State Treasury. The Assembly passed these bills: Sena-tor Hill's, appropriating \$1,000,000 for a new stone road from New York to Buffalo to complete connections between stone roads already built and those to be built under the provisions of the highway law; Senator Brackett's bill giving the State Superintendent of Public Works aumark obstructions in the waters of the State, exclusive of those under Federal jurisdiction; Senator Brackett's amendent to the penal law prohibiting boys under 16 from lounging around pool or billiard rooms; Assemblyman Bosharts, giving the State Commissioner of Agri

culture greater authority for the super-vision and inspection of cows.

Before the Assembly adjourned Majority Leader Merritt called up his proposed constitutional amendment for water storage for the Adirondacks and had the amendments concurred in

not exceeding forty-eight hours, where a police officer makes affidavit that there is reasonable cause to believe that the arrested person has committed a crime and that a reasonable length of time is necessary to secure the attendance of witnesses to testify to the commission of

MRS. BENNER DROPS SUIT. Reported That New York Artist and His

OMAHA, May 23 .- Mrs. Theodora Bener, wife of Fernando Benner, the New

refuse to either confirm or deny this re-

the late Senator Van Wyck of Nebraska, brought suit some months ago, alleging lack of affection and coidness on the part of her husband and also failure to provide for herself and child. Benner gave notice that he would contest the action.

As Miss Happy Van Wyck Mrs. Benner was prominent in Washington society some years ago. One of her escapades was jilting her fiance after the two had taken their places at the altar to be martaken their places at the altar to be mar-ried. On that occasion Miss Van Wyck suddenly turned and ran from the church.

GAMBLES ONLY ON SUNDAY. The Children's Court's Honest Boy Shoots Craps When He Can't Work.

"Aren't you the boy who was too honest to sign a complaint of felonious assault cided by the State Comptroller. here a few months ago until the contents necessity for the bill is claimed to have of the affidavit had been explained to been due to the large losses sustained by

objected, "and I hit him first."
Yesterday he was arraigned with Frank Reilly charged with shooting craps.

"Yes, I was shooting craps all right," he said to Justice Hoyt, "but I only do it Sundays. Other days I work."

Both hoys were paroled.

The GORHAM CO.

York for the purchase of Silver."

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Stronghold Won't Run Again.

bush section and part of the Bedford and is a Republican stronghold. The Democratic managers, however, have some expectation of carrying it this year and are already discussing the merits of several candidates for the new instance.

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MANHATTAN TAX TOO SMALL. BOTH PARTIES FEAR FRAUD. CONGRESSMAN YOUNG TO QUED, of Applying to Have Franchise Assessments Reduced.

Supreme Court Justice O'Gorman, who heard proceedings brought by the Man-hattan Railway Company against the maries to-morrow will be guarded by the Fifth district in Brooklyn by a plural-State Board of Tax Commissioners to business men to prevent frauds upon the review special franchise assessments for 1907 and 1908 on the ground that the franchise had been overhauled decided to intimidation or purchase of electors.

value of the company's easements amounted to \$12,182,652 and that it would cost \$14,378,561 to replace the existing and will work for them, but there are two or three others with whom they will be structure. The Court fixed the road's satisfied. There are several others who structure. The Court fixed the road's total valuation at \$45,704,945. Its total income was \$6,868,134 and net income the fixed by Joseph B. Kealing, former United States District Attorney, and if they should be nominated there will be great disappointment in the Republican ranks.

The Democratic machine, controlled by lawrenants of Tom Taggart, has seen

road was assessed on only \$80,050,000. The total valuation in 1908 was \$48 .-304,521, and net income \$3,574,208. The essment should have been on \$77,388,-257, but it was only on \$75,000,000. The Court said that the company had been "grossly underassessed" in The Bronx for the two years. The assessments should

Terms Regarded as Putting Bequest Entirely in Trustees' Hands.

PRINCETON, N. J., May 23.-Several opies of the will of Isaac C. Wyman reached Princeton to-day, including one sent to President Woodrow Wilson. They served to strengthen the belief expressed here vesterday that the gift opened a way of settling the questions which have been at the bottom of the recent graduate school controversy. date of the will, July 1, 1908, shows that the gift was made after the discussion as to the graduate school had been under way for some time but before the questions recently prominent had been brought to the fore. The conclusion is that the intention was to let the matter be settled by the trustees of the university. This is the view taken in Princeton and there is little anticipation of any discussion in

regard to the gift regard to the gift.

The provision that the bequest is to be put to "such uses and purposes as are now or may hereafter be determined upon by the trustees of Princeton Unireport by the trustees of Princeton University in enlarging and extending the power, usefulness and higher service and scholarship of said university through and by said graduate college" is taken as being sufficiently definite to preclude the possibility of controversy.

FIRE ON MALLORY FREIGHTER.

Colorado Got It Under Control and R ported That She Would Proceed.

The Mallory liner Colorado, carrying freight only and bound for Galveston was reported afire early yesterday morning off Key West with the revenue cutter Forward alongside helping her to subdue York artist, who has been in Omaha for the blaze. Later in the morning the several months awaiting trial of her suit office of the line here received a despatch for divorce, to-day dismissed the suit. from Capt. W. C. Davidson saying that Reports say that a reconciliation has been effected. Mrs. Benner and her attorneys ship would proceed. The fire was control and that the from Capt. W. C. Davidson saying that the fire was under control and that the ship would proceed. The fire was con-fined to the forward hold, in which there fined to the forward hold, in which was a mixed cargo made up chiefly of canned goods and paper. The impression at the office of the line is that the was not great. When the fire damage was not great. When the fire was found steam was turned immediately into the forehold and the crew stretched several lines of hose into the

> BANKING BILL SIGNED. It Provides for Greater Supervision of

ALBANY, May 23.—Gov. Hughes to-day signed the bill of Senator T. D. Sullivan providing for greater supervision of private bankers and requiring a deposit of \$10,000 cash or in State or municipal bonds | | Cut in the game-Playing from such bankers, besides a bond of from \$10,000 to \$50,000, the amount to be deof the affidavit had been explained to you?" asked Justice Hoyt after scrutiniz. Italian immigrants and others in New York city through the dishonesty of certain private bankers in the Italian colony. The boy was Matthew Bell, 14 years old, of 714 Ninth avenue. Some time ago he appeared in the same court as complainant against another boy who had stabbed him. He refused at first to sign the complaint.

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jected, 'and I hit him first.'

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Yesterday he was arraigned with Frank panies or their agents are exempted from the new law, and the Comptroller is au-thorized to issue a liceme on the filing of a bond of \$2,000 in cities of the first cines, \$3,000 in other cities.

Business Men to Watch Both Indiana Representative of Brooklyn Reput Political Machines.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 23.—The polls at State Board of Tax Commissioners to review special franchise assessments for 1997 and 1998 on the ground that the franchise had been overhauled, decided yesterday that the company was really assessed on much less than it should have been and that in one case the amount been and that in one case the amount was grossly inadequate.

State Board of Tax Commissioners to ballot and to see that neuron the Republican machine resorts to intimidation or purchase of electors. There is a strong feeling among Republicans, in view of the open charges of thus early in the season so as to give the last few days, that a scheme is on foot to put men on the legislative ticket who will not support Senator Beveridge and that he pale to avoid that he had enjoyed his Congressional work but that his private business that suffered because of his duties at Washington.

The Democratic machine, controlled by lieutenants of Tom Taggart, has selected a man for every office to be filled this fall, and all of the legislative candidates are men whom Taggart has passed upon personally and approved.

It is said that his friends propose to concentrate their votes on these candidates, and if necessary other offices are to be traded off for the legislaive slate. The interest does not centre as much on John W. Kern, candidate for the United States Senate, as it does in the repeal of States Senate, as it does in the repeal of the county local option law, though the men to be nominated will vote for Kern if elected.

While the Republicans are concerned for Beveridge and are trying to nominate men whose fealty to him is unquestioned the Democrats are going on the theory that men elected on their ticket will vote for Kern, but they must be sure that they are right on the liquor question, which means that they must vote against the present county option law.

BROWNE'S NOVEL DEFENCE. Will Contend That Buying a Vote for

Senator Is a Federal Offence. CHICAGO, May 23.-When the case against Representative Lee O'Neill Browne, minority leader in the Illinois Legislature, indicted on a charge of bribery, is taken up before Judge McSurely to-morrow morning the defence will challenge the jurisdiction of the State courts as the main point on which they rest their motion to quash the indictment

Their chief contention will be that the fact alleged in the indictment that Browne paid Representative Charles A. White a bribe of \$850 for voting for William Lori-mer for United States Senator does not mer for United States Senator does not constitute a crime against the State of Illinois; that in voting for Senator, White acted as an officer of the United States and not as an officer of Illinois, and that the offence charged against Browne is cognizable only in the courts of the United

States. State's Attorney Wayman said to-night that the prosecution is ready and that it is fully equipped with counter arguments on the motion to quash the indictment and if the true bill is upheld he is ready to go ahead with the trial.

The general belief to-night is that the arguments over the motion will consume all of to-morrow and that the trial may be continued until the Court has looked up citations.

Twenty-two points are raised against the indictment in the bill of particulars filed by Browne's counsel. FOR A COLLEGE IN CHINA.

Methodist Clergymen and Lay Memb Beelde to Build One in Foo Chow. An association was formed at a meet

ing at the Continental Hotel yesterday of

Methodist clergymen and lay members of the denomination of New York and Philadelphia to buy ten acres of land in the city of Foo Chow, southern China, to establish a college. The plant will cost \$50,000 and will have a campus of its own. The organization will be known as the Fuklen University Association and the promoters hope to have the college started in two years. Bishop Wilcon S. Lewis, whose jurisdiction includes Foo Chow, presided.

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uneral at the Church of the Hoty Aposte 28th st. and 6th av., 10 o'clock Tuesday mor ing, May 24. Interment at Ridgefield. It is requested that no flowers be sec-

LFTTLE.-On May 21, 1910, William F. Little Funeral from "THE FUNERAL CHURCH," 24 West 23d st. (CAMPBELL Ripg.), Time later WE.—On May 31, Ray Rowe, Servicen TWN FUNERAL CHUNCH, 341 West 23d st. (FSAAS E. CAMPSHLL BLOG.), Wednesday, 39 A. 5 TEPHENS.—On May 20, Ogden Stephens. M Chicago. Services "THE FUNDRAL CHURCH." 241 West 23d et. (CAMPBELL SLOS.). Inser-

THOMPSON.—On Monday, May 25, after a shor illness, Charles R. Thompson, in his sich year Funeral services from his late residence. 19 14th st., Murray Hill, Floshing, L. 1. 6 Wednesday evening, May 25, s o'clock Funeral private. Kindly omit flowers.

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